

WATCH HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Engineers Meeting Minutes February 12, 2015

The February 12, 2015 Board of Engineers meeting was held at 18:10 with the following members present: Chief Robert Peacock, Deputy Chief Jason Simmons and Andrew Barber. Assistant Chief Scott Harold and John Regan were not present.

Review and Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting (1/22/2015)

The minutes of the previous meetings were unanimously approved.

Approval and Review of Expenses of Pending and Paid Expenses

The expenses were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Old Business

- The Board continued to table further discussion on Consolidation and Merging until the full board was assembled.
- Chief Peacock reported that the painting of Engine 103 was nearing completion and that the engine will then be returned to Shipman's for refurbishment work before delivery.
- The Board unanimously approved several changes to the Incentive Program which were discussed at previous meeting. These include an increase the amount paid per call and training as well as an incentive for bringing in new members who complete their initial probationary period. The new members will also receive incentives..
- Chief Peacock provided preliminary information about the 2015-16 fiscal budget. At this point, he anticipates that the only increases will be to the Staffing Account (\$5,000) and to the Volunteer Incentive Account (\$10,000).

New Business

- The Board discussed the formation of a Regional Trench Rescue Team. The need for the team exists due to the abandonment of such services by the Westerly Ambulance Corps. Chief Peacock projects that the next major expenditure from the formation of this team will be training. Each of the local departments have already contributed funds towards purchasing the equipment and Chief Peacock noted that additional expenditures would be required from the training account.

Meeting adjourned at 18:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason S. Simmons
Deputy Chief